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FOR ARA/AND

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: AAUD VE CO
SUBJECT: INSPECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION 9.1-4

REF: STATE 203346

1. 9.1-4 "THE EMBASSY SHOULD STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF A
PHASED AMALGAMATION OF DAO AND THE MILGP, BEGINNING WITH
ASSUMPTION BY THE DAO OF ALL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ACTIVITIES
FOR BOTH ELEMENTS, AND RECOMMEND TO THE DEPARTMENT
THE APPROPRIATE MODE ADJUSTMENTS."

2. RESPONSE

CARACAS- POST HAS TAKEN RECOMMENDATION INTO CONSIDERATION.
IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT FULL IMPLEMENTATION WOULD
REQUIRE LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO ADD VENEZUELA TO THE LIST
OF COUNTRIES WHERE DEFENSE ATTACHES ARE AUTHORIZED TO
PARTICIPATE IN MILITARY ASSISTANCE MATTERS. IN THE ABSENCE
OF SUCH AUTHORIZATION, THE POST PERCEIVES LITTLE
ADVANTAGE UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES TO THE PROPOSAL
OF JOINT ADMINISTRATION. THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE
TWO UNITS ARE NOT COMPATIBLE IN TERMS OF FUNCTIONS,
TYPES OF PERSONNEL CLEARANCES, FUNDING SOURCES AND OFFICE
LOCATIONS. THE EMBASSY ALREADY PROVIDES ADMINISTRATIVE
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SUPPORT FOR EACH ENTITY IN THE AREA OF ACCOUNTING,
SHIPPING, TRAVEL AND COMMUNICATIONS. AS THERE IS IN-
SUFFICIENT SPACE TO HOUSE THE MILGP WITHIN THE EMBASSY,
IT CURRENTLY OCCUPIES SPACE (PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE
BY HOST GOVERNMENT) AT THREE SEPARATE LOCATIONS. THIS
PHYSICAL SEPARATION DOES NOT LEND ITSELF TO A COMBINED
MOTORPOOL OPERATION. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, WE DO NOT

INTEND TO RECOMMEND MODE ADJUSTMENTS AT THIS TIME.
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